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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 2 lines 2-3 recites "having a high refractive index". The specifications lacks support for what is claimed to be a "high refractive index". One cannot differentiate what would be a "high" refractive index relative to a low refractive index. It is unclear and indefinite as to what is a "high" refractive index.

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boppart et al.

Boppart et al. teaches an endoscopic system comprising a light guide having a plurality of optical paths (figure 1), a low coherent light source (10), an interferometer unit including a beam splitter (14) a reference optical system (19), a reflector unit (19), a

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light detecting device (34), and a signal processing system (38,42), column 2 lines 30-49 and column 5 lines 3-25. The patent also teaches a driving means, figures 4a-I, columns 11-14. Further the Boppart et al. reference teaches utilizing multiple imaging technologies sequentially, in parallel, or simultaneously over the same endoscope such as OCT and fluorescence imaging, column 8 lines 50-67. Boppart et al. does not explicitly teach said driving means to translate the interferometer unit, additional imaging with visible light means. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have providing the driving means to translate the interferometer unit and to have providing additional visible light imaging means because the driving means of the patent is capable of translating the interferometer unit to provide different images of the target region and the additional visible imaging means allows improved decision making in diagnostic procedure, respectively, as taught by Boppart et al. reference. The Boppart et al. patent does not explicitly recite the limitations as claimed in claims 3 and 4. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have alternatively provided the limitations as taught by applicant claims 3 and 4 because the endoscopic system as taught by Boppart et al. performs equally well. in diagnostic procedure.

#### Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Richards-Kortum et al. (6,370,422) teaches fiber-optic confocal imaging apparatus and methods of use.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Runa S. Qaderi whose telephone number is (703) 308-8155. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marvin Lateef can be reached on (703) 308-3256. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-3590 for regular communications and (703) 746-7289 for After Final communications.

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